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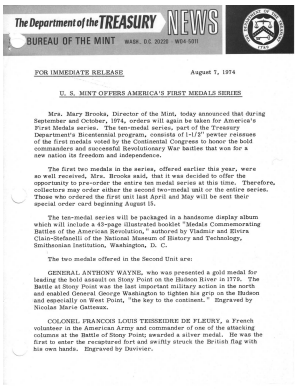

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COLONEL FRANCOIS LOUIS TEISSEIDRE DE FLEURY, a French volunteer in the American Army and commander of one of the attacking columns at the Battle of Stony Point; awarded a silver medal. He was the first to enter the recaptured fort and swiftly struck the British flag with his own hands. Engraved by Duvivier.

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The price of the two-medal unit is $10.00, with a maximum order of five units. The entire series, including the display album with illustrated booklet, is priced at $55.00, with a maximum order of five sets. Those who pre-order the entire series will receive the medals as they are available. The series will take until July 4, 1976 to complete, by which time the album and booklet will be sent.

Those NOT on the Mint's customer list may use the order form.

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